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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

To supplement the Information Disclosure Statement of May 11, 2004, Applicant requests Examiner to consider references cited in the European Search Report dated July 28, 2004.

U.S. Applicant No. 2001/0035729 A1 has been cited in the European Search Report of the corresponding German application. The reference discloses a method of connecting a mobile, electronic control and/or monitoring unit to at least one machine or at least one machine component in a group or a plurality of machines or machine components to be controlled and/or monitored so that during a connection or log-on procedure between the control and/or monitoring unit and a cooperating distant point on the respective machine, a clear link or log-on connection is set up either by means of interfaces to the selected, wireless direction finder of the cooperating distant point or alternatively by means of transmitters and/or

receivers tuned to a restricted, localized functional or operating range. The European Search Report cites the U.S. Patent Application under Category X with regard to International Claims 1, 2, 4, 7-13, 17, 19, 21, 31-35, 38-40 and 42-44. A copy of this reference is not enclosed according to the U.S. practice.

WO 01/71878 A has been cited in a corresponding European Search Report under Category X with regard to International Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 17, 21, and 31-35. The reference discloses a device on a network having multiple units of programmable industrial equipment including a control handle connected to a controller for a unit of the programmable equipment and a shared operating unit selectively connected to the control handle. This reference is in English. In addition, the same reference has also been cited under Category A with regard to International Claims 9-11, 19, 38-40 and 43 with regard to column 3, line 21 to column 11, line 17.

U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0023333A1 has been cited in a corresponding European Search Report under Category X with regard to International Claims 1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 17, 21, and 31-35. The reference discloses a control method and industrial production installation comprising intelligent application components, especially multiple-axial robots, welding, gluing, or chucking installations or comparable treatment installations, and at least one installation control. A copy of this reference is not being submitted in accordance with the U.S. practice rule.

EP 1 388 396 A2 has been cited in the International Search Report under Category X and P with regard to International claims 1 and 21. This reference discloses a method for

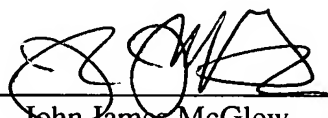
synchronous control of a plurality of handling devices, such as industrial robots, where a control command to be implemented by controls of the handling devices is initiated on a random control and is subsequently further processed therein as a function of the nature of the command. No English language translation of this document is available to Applicant at this time. However an English language abstract is attached.

U.S. Patent No. 5,978,578 A has been cited in the corresponding International Search Report under Category A. This reference discloses a control automation system including a control bus, a node controller and a development system. A copy of this reference is not enclosed according to the U.S. practice.

In addition, a copy of the International Search Report is submitted herewith.

Consideration of the reference is requested.

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